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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### CHRISTOPHER DOWSON

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#### PERSONAL DETAILS

DATE OF BIRTH: 31 July 1989

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UK Visa: Tier 4 (General) Student Visa - Valid until April 2023

#### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD (2018-Present)

DPhil (commenced)

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (2013-2015)

Master of Arts (Distinction)

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (2007-2012)

Bachelor of Arts (Honours); Bachelor of Laws (Distinction)

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER AND CABINET (WESTERN AUSTRALIA): POLICY AND LEGAL ADVISOR, 2015 – PRESENT

Accepted into Department of the Premier and Cabinet's Graduate Recruitment Programme in 2015. Employed as a full-time policy and legal officer in 2016. Reported to Executive Director and Manager assisting in legal and policy research and analysis on Federal and State relations. Drafted speeches for Treasurer on land rights and native title legal policy, attended negotiations with traditional owner groups, drafted briefing notes and agendas for senior officials in preparation for the State-Federal relations and Council of Australian Governments meetings.

HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS: LAW CLERK – JAN 2012 - FEB 2012

Accepted into Summer Law Clerk Programme in 2012. Worked as part of a legal team in the Litigation Division reporting to Partners and Senior Associates. Attended Federal and Supreme Courts. Provided legal research and analysis on diverse areas of law including property disputes, mining and energy projects, corporate matters, freedom of information, and administrative law.

ALBERT WOLFF CHAMBERS: BARRISTER ASSISTANT – APRIL 2011 - JUNE 2011

Provided legal research and assistance to two barristers in criminal law and commercial law with extensive exposure to trial work (District and Supreme Courts and the Court of Appeals in Western Australia). Produced legal memos, jury aides, witness statement summaries, and case summaries. Assisted in a 4-week trial in the District Court.

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

October 2018	Accepted into DPhil Course at Corpus Christi College, Oxford
November 2015	Graduated Master of Arts in Classics (Latin and Ancient Greek) with Distinction. Dissertation graded within top 5% of submitted dissertations worldwide by examiner Professor James Adams (All Souls College, University of Oxford)
September 2013	Won University of Western Australia Travel Grant Prize 2014 to present research paper on 'Lexical innovation in Classical Latin' at the <i>The Australasian Society for Classical Studies</i> , 35th Annual Conference, Massey University, New Zealand
January 2013	Won the University Postgraduate Scholarship (Commonwealth) for academic excellence, accepted into the University of Western Australia's Masters by Research programme
November 2012	Graduated Bachelor of Laws, University of Western Australia
May 2011	Graduated Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Classics with High Distinction mark (81%) for final-year thesis submission and a grade of 78.5% overall (GPA 6.625/7).
March 2009	Runner Up Award in United Nations Youth Association Debating Competition 2009; 2nd Place University of Western Australia Law School Mooting Competition
December 2006	Runner-Up Dux of Year 12 Wesley College; Achievement of 99.2 Tertiary Entrance Rank (final examinations); Awarded Wesley College Academic Commitment and Participation Prize, Academic Merit Prize, George Nicholls Memorial Prize for English Literature, History Prize, Jean Bamford Prize for English Literature; Won 2nd Place Prize for DAS Statewide German Language Studies Competition

## CO-CURRICULAR

2008-2012: Volunteer in the Western Australian Football League Umpiring programme for under 15s, 18s, and 21s divisions. Awarded Best New Umpire in the East Perth Division in 2008.

2011-2012: Part-time mentor in the University of Western Australia's Student Mentor Programme.

2015-2016: Volunteer player and club organiser at the Murdoch Tigers Cricket Club.

## PUBLICATIONS

Security for Costs and Case Management Regimes (2014) 28 *Commercial Law Quarterly* 12.

Streetcars and Desire - Preliminary discovery in *Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW v Care Park Pty Ltd* (2013) 27 *Commercial Law Quarterly* 30.

The Business Judgment Rule - A Profoundly Ambiguous Strait of Messina or Semantic Safe Harbour? (2011) 20 *Onyx Journal of the University of Western Australia Law School Blackstone Society* 33.

DNA Admissibility in the United States and Western Australia: A Comparison (2011) 20 *Onyx Journal of the University of Western Australia Law School Blackstone Society* 29.